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Public Meetings Scheduled on Draft Voltage Environmental Impact Statement

FOLSOM - The Western Area Power Administration has released a draft document for public review that evaluates the potential environmental impacts of alternatives to improve electric system reliability and voltage support for the Sacramento area.

Three public meetings are scheduled on the Draft Sacramento Area Voltage Support Environmental Impact Statement:

- **December 9** – City of Lodi Council Chambers, 305 West Pine St., Lodi, 6-8 p.m.
- **December 11** – City of Folsom Council Chambers, 50 Natoma St., Folsom, 4-6 p.m.
- **December 12** – Yuba County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, 6-8 p.m.

The Draft EIS describes the proposed action, three action alternatives and a no-action alternative. The proposed action consists of installing new conductors (wires) on Western's existing transmission line between substations at Elverta and Tracy, constructing 26.6 miles of new transmission line from O'Banion Substation near Marysville to Elverta Substation, and realigning a portion of the existing Cottonwood-Roseville transmission line. The other action alternatives include different combinations of new construction and installing new conductors on existing transmission lines.

Comments on the draft EIS will be accepted until December 30, 2002.

For more information, visit the EIS website at www.wapa.gov (click on Sacramento Voltage Support EIS) or call the EIS toll-free hotline at (877) 913-4440.